Funds for Agricultural Projects

3262. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to the State of Assam by Government for undertaking agricultural projects during the last 3 years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) whether the allotted funds have been utilised by the State Government during this period;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) what concrete measures are proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The details of funds allocated, released and expenditure reported under various Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Projects/Programmes/Schemes in the State of Assam are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Allocation	Release	Expn. Reported
1997-98	449.11	397.48	661.02
1998-99	881.41	600.70	375.45
1999-2000	1255.67	543.11	498.85

District-wise allocations/releases are not done by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. The list of projects/programmes/schemes being implemented in the State of Assam is given in the Statement (*See* below). Full utilisation of allocated funds has not been achieved due to inability of the State to constitute its required share under certain programmes/projects, as well as infrastructural bottlenecks in programme implementation.

(d) By adopting a regionally differentiated strategy, it is proposed to implement the Technology Mission on Horticulture in N.E. Region, especially to address the problem of infrastructural bottlenecks in the Horticulture Sector. Further, it is proposed to shift to the Macro-Management mode of financing in the agriculture sector whereby funds will be allocated as per Work Plan prepared by the States reflecting local needs and requirements.

Statement

List of Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implementated in the State of Assam

S.No.	Name of the schmes
1.	Integrated Cereal Development Programme—Rice
2.	Sustainable development of sugarcane based cropping system
3.	Special Jute Development Programme
4.	National Pulses Development Project
5.	Oilseed Production Programme
6.	Accelerated Maize Development Programme
7.	National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas
8.	Balanced and Integrated use of Fertiliser
9.	Scheme for foundation & Certified Seed Production of Vegetable Crops
10.	Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation among small farmers
11.	Exchange of Farmers with in the country
12.	Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas
13.	State land use Board
14.	Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley Projects
15.	Development of Medicinal and Aromatic plants
16.	Use of Plastics in Agriculutre
17.	Development of Commercial Floriculture
18.	Development of Mushroom
19.	Integrated Dev. of Tropical, Arid Temperate Zone Fruits
20.	Development of Vegetables
21.	Development of Spices
22.	Development of Betelvine
23.	Development of Arecanut
24.	Farmers Scientists Interaction
25.	Oil Palm Development Programme